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FIELD NOTES

SEPTEMBER 17, 1964

FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR JOHN F. SHAW, DIV. E, WILTON, SEPT. 10:

WARDEN WARREN ADAMS, DIXFIELD: FISHING AND BOATING ARE VERY SLOW AT THIS TIME. COON HUNTERS ARE NOT FINDING VERY MANY COONS SO FAR THIS SEASON. A GOOD CROP OF BEECHNUTS, ACORNS, AND AT LEAST AN AVERAGE CROP OF APPLES.

WARDEN JOHN SWASEY, ANDOVER: RICHARDSON LAKE TOO HIGH TO BE GOOD FISHING. FISH ARE IN MOUTHES OF METALLAC AND MOSQUITO BROOKS -- SOMEONE FISHING FOR THEM MOST OF THE TIME. CHAIN SAWS REPORTED CUTTING TOWARDS THE SITE OF BRIDGE ACROSS THE NARROWS.

WARDEN ALDEN KENNETT, BETHEL: DEER HUNTING IS UNDERWAY HERE BOTH NIGHT AND DAY; HOWEVER, IT IS NOT GENERAL, JUST A FEW INDIVIDUALS AT IT SO FAR. WOODCOCK SHOWING UP WELL IN THIS AREA. I HAVE SEEN QUITE A FEW FLYING JUST ABOUT DARK. DEER SIGN IS INCREASING AROUND APPLE ORCHARDS -- MOST TREES HAVE A GOOD CROP. NO BEAR SIGNS AROUND APPLES YET, HOWEVER.

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FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR DAVID PRIEST, DIV. G, LINCOLN CENTER, SEPT. 5:

MOST WARDENS IN THIS DIVISION REPORT GROUSE QUITE PLENTIFUL AND WOODCOCK VERY PLENTIFUL. VERY FEW REPORTS OF ILLEGAL HUNTING, PERHAPS BECAUSE FEW DEER ARE BEING SEEN. MORE SALMON BEING TAKEN AT MOLUNKUS LAKE THAN AT ANY TIME IN THE PAST. THESE FISH ARE IN THE ONE TO TWO POUND CLASS; NONE BIGGER. THERE WAS A LAST GRAND RUSH TO THE FISHING GROUNDS OVER THE LABOR DAY WEEK END. I BELIEVE MOST OF THE FISHERMEN HAD FAIR SUCCESS, ESPECIALLY ON THE SMALL PONDS. MOST OF THOSE WHO FISHED THE BIGGER LAKES REPORTED ONLY FAIR SUCCESS.

WARDEN CLYDE SPEED, ENFIELD: BEAR SIGNS VERY PLENTIFUL IN THIS DISTRICT DUE TO A GOOD CROP OF CHERRIES, BEECH NUTS, AND ACORNS. BASS FISHERMEN ARE DOING WELL AT NICATOUS LAKE. THE PERCH FISHING HAS ALSO BEEN GOOD.

SUPERVISOR PRIEST: A GREAT MANY FISHERMEN HIT THE WEST BRANCH OF THE PENOBSCOT ABOVE CHESUNCOOK VILLAGE. SOME FISH WERE TAKEN HERE, BUT SOME FISHERMEN REPORTED TOO CROWDED CONDITIONS FOR BEST SUCCESS. IN THE LAST WEEK A FEW SALMON HAVE BEEN TAKEN HERE IN THE SIX TO EIGHT POUND CLASS. MANY FISHERMEN CONGREGATED ON THE WEST BRANCH BELOW RIPOGENUS DAM. THE WATER WAS REAL LOW PART OF THE WEEK END AS THE GATES WERE CLOSED, AND IN SOME PLACES ONE COULD EASILY WADE THE RIVER. WE HAVE HAD NO FROST YET BUT ALREADY MANY OF OUR MAPLE TREES HAVE THEIR FULL AUTUMN COLORS.

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FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR WILFRED ATKINS, DIV. H, PRESQUE ISLE, SEPT. 5:

WARDEN MAURICE GORDON, MASARDIS: HAD A REPORT OF SEVERAL PEOPLE SEEING A CARIBOU IN OXBOW THIS PAST MONDAY (AUG. 31). THIS ANIMAL WAS SAID TO BE SPORTING A VERY FINE SET OF ANTLERS. GROUSE STILL NOT SHOWING UP VERY WELL AT THIS TIME.

WARDEN JIM CAMERON, PORTAGE POND: LAST WEEK WHEN I WENT OUT IN THE CAMP YARD, THINGS DIDN'T LOOK JUST RIGHT, BUT IT WAS A COUPLE OF DAYS BEFORE I REALIZED JUST WHAT WAS WRONG -- DURING THE NIGHT A BEAVER HAD CUT DOWN AND DRAGGED OFF A FIVE-INCH TREE FROM THE YARD.

WARDEN MAYNARD PELLETIER, CARIBOU: VERY LITTLE INTEREST IN FISHING BEING SHOWN NOW. SOME INTEREST IN HUNTING BEING SHOWN.

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FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR CURTIS COOPER, DIV. 1, STOCKHOLM, SEPT. 3:

VERY HEAVY RAIN SHOWERS DURING THE DAY AND NIGHT OF AUG. 31, BROUGHT CROSS LAKE UP TWO INCHES, AND THE BIG BLACK RIVER UP OVER TWO FEET. ON SEP. 1, WARDEN PILOT RICHARD VARNEY AND I OBSERVED, AND REPORTED TO THE FORESTRY OFFICIALS, TWO LIGHTNING STRIKES IN WIDELY SEPARATED AREAS ALONG THE ST. JOHN RIVER. WE HAVE OBSERVED, WHILE FLYING OVER THE DIVISION DURING THE PAST FEW DAYS, THAT SOME FOLIAGE IS BEGINNING TO TURN TO ITS FALL COLORS. FISHING ACTIVITY IS QUITE SLOW IN MOST OF THE DIVISION; HOWEVER, QUITE A FEW PEOPLE ARE STILL CANOEING THE ALLAGASH RIVER. THE DEER SITUATION LOOKS GOOD FOR THIS FALL.

WARDEN LEONARD PELLETIER, ST. FRANCIS: FISHING ACTIVITY HAS PICKED UP IN THE NEGRO BROOK LAKES SINCE THE BROOKS HAVE CLOSED. ONE PARTY IS CAMPING ON FOURTH FOR A WEEK. DEER ARE SHOWING UP BETTER NOW IN THE FALL BROOK AREA THAN DURING THE SUMMER. VERY FEW DEER ARE OBSERVED ALONG THE BROOK ITSELF, BUT SEEM TO BE ALONG THE UNUSED ROADS. MOOSE ARE ALSO BEGGINNING TO MOVE.

WARDEN JOHN ROBERTSON, ALLAGASH: IT'S STILL EASY TO TAKE ONE'S LIMIT OF 15 TROUT FROM EITHER OF THE FALL BROOK LAKES. IT IS HARD TO BELIEVE HOW THE FISHING CAN STAND UP YEAR AFTER YEAR. I SPENT A LOT OF TIME CHECKING OCCUPANTS OF CARS AND TRUCKS, EVEN CANOES, LAST MONTH, AND FOUND MOST OF THEM PICKING EITHER BERRIES OR HAZEL NUTS.

WARDEN ROBERT RONDEAU, SINCLAIR: TROUT FISHING AT SQUARE LAKE HAS BEEN VERY GOOD THIS WEEK. SALMON ACTION REMAINS SLOW. HAVE BEEN SEEING A LOT OF WOODCOCK AND SOME SNIPE LATELY. THERE APPEARS TO BE A LOT OF GREAT BLUE HERON AROUND -- SAW FOUR TOGETHER WINGING OUT OF MUD LAKE. HAVE HAD SOME BEAR HUNTING IN NEW CANADA AND LILLE. TO DATE HAVE HAD ONE SHOT IN NEW CANADA AND TWO IN LILLE. THE LAST ONE WAS ON AUG. 20 IN AN AREA WHERE WE HAVE RECEIVED A CROP DAMAGE COMPLAINT.